

BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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IN THE MATTER OF

Ronan Telephone Company Request  
for Waiver and Extension of Time of  
Tribal Lands Bidding Credit  
Construction Requirements for a  
Lower 700 MHz Band License

WT Docket No. 06-231

) REPLY COMMENTS

To: The Commission

**RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY'S REPLY COMMENTS ON  
REQUEST FOR WAIVER/EXTENSION OF TRIBAL LANDS  
BIDDING CREDIT CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT  
FOR A LOWER 700 MHZ LICENSE**

Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) hereby respectfully submits the following brief Reply Comments in support of its Request for an Order approving an additional extension, for a period of two years, of the time required to offer service to 75% of the population<sup>1</sup> of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana, within a portion of the 700 MHz License area- Montana RSA 1 (CMA 523). The Motion by RTC was filed on November 16, 2007. On December 26, 2007 the FCC released a Public Notice (DA 07-5094), setting dates for initial Comments to be filed by January 10, 2008, and Reply Comments by January 17, 2008.

On January 10, 2008, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, the governing body of the Blackfeet Nation, filed Comments in support of RTC's Request. On

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<sup>1</sup> See, 47 C.F.R. §1.2110

the same day, the Montana Public Service Commission also filed supporting Comments.

To update the FCC on the status of the East Glacier Park service, please note that service was initiated in that area on January 11, 2008. This raises the total percentage of the Reservation population able to receive service, to 64.6%.

RTC respectfully requests that the Commission grant our Request for a two year extension of the Tribal Lands Bidding Credit construction requirement, to allow the fulfillment of the Indian Initiative goals of the Commission, and the success of a private-tribal partnership, eventually leading to a sovereign Tribal telecommunications business.

DATED: January 17, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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